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See you next year...
In a tough series against the Trenton Golden Hawks, the Huskies will be hanging up their skates for the season. For more photos from the nail-biting last few games, see inside this edition. /TIM YANO staff photographer



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Fort Treehouse navigates fallen trees

by **EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

Many trees were destroyed as a result of the ice storm that slammed Minden Hills the

last weekend of March. At the same time, many businesses were impacted by the outages and unpredictable weather patterns.

So what happens when your literal business is in a tree?

For Lauren Green of Fort Treehouse Co.,

they are just starting to navigate the damages on their properties. “At our Hartwood property in South Gelert, it looked like something out of a movie,” she said. “Trees toppled everywhere, no clear path of destruction, just total chaos across the forest. We’re talking

hundreds of trees down or damaged.”

Green said she was shocked, since the business owner and her husband/business partner Cam, live just North of Minden, and while they lost power for eight days, only had

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Warming centre closed down; support ongoing

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Times Staff

At the time of press, the majority of homes around Minden Hills have had their power restored, with the exception of some locations situated on challenging terrains.

After a long two weeks, the Information and Warming Centre, housed at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, will officially be closing its doors. In an effort to continue offering support to those in needs, the facility will provide showers and access to water and charging stations during regular hours.

Shawn Foster, a local Haliburton County Paramedic was on duty the day of the ice storm.

“The severe weather conditions made it difficult to access patients in all areas of the county, with some rural access impossible without the use of emergency response vehicles and other paramedic services special teams,” he said. “This resulted in significantly increased response times. The power outages also affected base power, ambulance communications with dispatch and the ability to respond to calls for service effectively. Several neighbouring paramedic services assisted in logistics and remote access, highlighting the importance of allied agency cooperation.”

“The Paramedics and Chiefs of the Haliburton County Paramedic Service worked tirelessly to ensure that our residents received the care they needed despite the challenges posed by the ice storm,” he went on to say. “Some paramedics reported for duty when they themselves had no power or

running water at home. This event demonstrated the importance of a comprehensive emergency response plan in order to serve the community during a state of emergency.”

On Monday, April 14, the Township Administrative Office was opened again and some of the regular programming returned to the arena. The Cultural Centre was reopened on Tuesday April 15.

Emergency assistance for food and housing for those affected by the ice storm is available through the Ontario government at www.ontario.ca/page/apply-emergency-assistance.

The township has also urged all residents to make use of the local libraries for computers, internet access, and support.

The John Howard Society, located at 14 IGA Road is encouraging anyone that needs assistance with the application to visit or by calling them at 705-340-8486.

Treehouses unscathed; forest takes a hit

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minimal damage to their property. A testament to the unpredictability of Mother Nature. “We barely had any debris come down,” she said. “Hartwood by comparison looked almost apocalyptic.”

Fort Treehouse Co. currently has one treehouse in Minden, called the Baltic. The luxury rental space is booked up throughout the year, and is a major tourist draw to the region. At the time of the storm, Green shared that they were in the final stages of developing a new property in Gelert, which they refer to as Hartwood. The intention of this build is to include three independent treehouses, as well as a Nordic Spa and a communal cafe on the property. The process has taken nearly three years to get off the ground, with a desired opening date of September of this year.

While the minimal damage to the buildings will be covered via insurance, Green is concerned about the property damage to Hartwood. “The reality is that clearing the forest is a huge job - and not a cheap one,” she said. “After bringing in

arborists to assess, we’re looking at an estimated \$25,000 to \$30,000 just to clean up the central parts of the property. That doesn’t include the trails or the rest of the land. Those areas are on us.”

The glimmer of hope through these damages is the fact that the actual treehouses managed to stay successfully intact throughout the storm.

“(The storm) gave us a powerful look at the strength of what we’ve been building,” noted Green. “Despite the devastation across the forest, not a single treehouse had a tree on it. None of the host trees sustained any significant damage. That’s a big deal.”

She noted that all the buildings held up “incredibly well”, and credited the choice of trees and stability of the structures to the successes. “Every one of our builds begins with carefully selecting and assessing the host trees, and seeing them come through something like this gives us even more confidence in our process,” she said. “We’ve built in redundancies in case anything ever happens to a host tree, but it’s reassuring to know that all the care and planning pays off in real-world conditions.”

Green hopes to chop and chip the downed trees in a way that returns them to the land they came from, and will be used to protect root systems around higher traffic areas on the site, which will continue to add nutrients back into the forest as they naturally decompose.

Despite the major set-backs, Green and her team are continuing on the journey towards a fall-opening for Hartwood. She noted that she intends to open up the booking platform for the site shortly, and hopes to stay on track while staff work diligently to continue the build while they process the aftermath of the storm. “We keep going,” she said. “That’s really the only option. Our team took a single day after the storm to regroup, then we were back on site. We’re fortunate to have a resilient and committed crew.”

Green is choosing to approach the damages with a glass half-full mind-set, noting that she believes the builds are hardy, and aligned with the natural movements of the forest. “While no structure is completely immune, this storm was proof that building in the canopy - when done with intention and respect - doesn’t increase your risk,” she said. “If anything, it showed the strength and integrity of the design.”



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Lauren Green of Fort Treehouse Co. shared the devastation of the ice storm around their Gelert property. /submitted

MH council maintains donation, receipt policy

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

Minden Hills council was recently asked to waive the requirement for an official appraisal of donated artwork and to forego policy to issue a tax receipt to the donor.

Gary Blundell donated the paintings *Anvil* and *Blacksmith* to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre to be added to its permanent collection. The paintings were created by Blundell and depict artifacts in the Museum’s collection.

The paintings were part of the exhibit Burner Herzog displayed at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in September 2024. Their sale listings at that time pegged the works’ value and \$700 each.

A tax receipt in the value \$1,400 is requested for the 2024 calendar year in Blundell’s name.

Wendelin Lonergan, the township’s finance director, brought the request to council to accept an “informed valuation” of the donated pieces by the municipality’s manager of cultural services.

Other museums and cultural centres don’t require an appraisal of items less than \$1,000 to be issued a tax receipt. Lonergan said in a report to council that it is hoped Minden will adopt that change to its own policy.

The township based the artwork’s value on what the artist charged as opposed to an official appraised value. Lonergan characterized the means by which the artwork was valued as “almost like an appraisal but not an official appraisal.”

“I didn’t make sense to get them to pay for a full appraisal,” Lonergan said.

Councillor Tammy McKelvey said she believed issuing a tax receipt in such a way is against municipal Policy 35, which governs giving income tax receipts for donations. The policy has specific provisions that speak to the donation of tangible items.

If a tangible item is offered to the municipality as a donation, the applicable Department Head shall determine if it will be accepted based on need, suitability, and liability.

The donation has to provide value to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and will form part of its permanent collection. It also stipulates that the donor shall be required to have the item appraised by an independent appraiser in exchange for a receipt for income tax purposes.

And therein is the hiccup.

“But doesn’t the income tax and the policy not require that it has to be an official arts appraisal,” McKelvey said.

Lonergan said that would be up to council to decide.

“The questions is if it was not based on an appraisal that was an official appraisal, would the (Canada Revenue Agency) even accept it as a tax receipt?” Mayor Bob Carter said.

“Basically, through the Municipal Act, as long as council approves the donation and the treasurer signs off on the CRA slip, then that is deemed valid,” Lonergan said.

“Is this allowed in our policy?” McKelvey said.

“This is a little bit of deviation from the policy, but that’s why we brought it forward,” Lonergan said. “We don’t want to deter people donating artwork to the township.”

“I have a problem with this, but that’s just me,” McKelvey said.

Coun. Pam Sayne said she also is leery of not strictly following Policy 35.

“There’s so many artists out there and how do we make these kinds of decisions if we don’t stick to our policy and the word of that?” she said. “We’re assuming the auditors would accept this as it’s brought forward. But it would still be a lot cleaner if the policy was followed.”

In the end, council voted against deviating from municipal policy and decided not to provide a receipt based on the unofficial appraisal.

Builders’ association hosts student job fair

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

The Haliburton County Home Builders Association’s job fair is more than just sound foresight for the trade-dependent industry group.

It’s a means to put prospective candidates and open jobs together but it’s hoped it will introduce students to other professions in other industries and services, said Aggie Tose, the association’s executive director.

“We are looking to employ people in the trades,” she said. “There’s a hope to open the eyes of many students who may be wouldn’t consider working in a trade.”

To that end, the association will host a job fair April 16 for students at the high school in Haliburton.

Tose said the fair is specifically for students at the school.

The labour shortage in Haliburton County isn’t going away. In light of that the association started going to young people by way of the job fair a number of years ago.

Tose said they held three fairs in years before the COVID-19 pandemic ground life to a halt with social lockdowns. And they hosted three fairs since the pandemic, she said.

The job fair will be an event where businesses of all different sizes and industries from across Haliburton County will be on display. Of course association member companies and builders will be present. But so too will various provincial government ministries, the Ontario Provincial Police, and various summer camps and community organizations.

It’s billed as the perfect place for students to bring resumes and speak to potential employers about summer jobs or post-secondary employment.

County Council cancels rescheduled meeting

On March 26, the Corporation of the County of Haliburton organized a public meeting regarding an application to the Province of Ontario by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust for the creation of the proposed Milburn Kendrick Conservation Reserve.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for the public to present comments to County Council regarding the proposed creation of the conservation reserve within the Highlands Corridor, which would then be summarized and forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks as feedback.

The meeting was postponed that morning and planned to be rescheduled.

According to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks on April 14, the Ministry has reviewed the proposal and has decided not to proceed with the establishment of a new conservation reserve in this area. The Crown lands included in this proposal will continue to be managed by the Ministry of Natural Resources. Information about current uses for this area can be found on the Crown Land Use Policy Atlas.

As a result of this decision by the MECP, the public is advised the County of Haliburton will not be rescheduling the public meeting.

Should the public have further questions regarding protected areas, please contact Protected.Areas@Ontario.ca

The County of Haliburton thanks the members of the public for their interest and comments regarding this matter.

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- Minden Hills Cultural Centre (176 Bobcaygeon Rd.)
- SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena (55 Parkside St.)

The following facilities are open as follows:

- S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena: April 19 & 20 8am-9pm
- Minden Hills Cultural Centre: April 19 from 10am-4pm
- All waste disposal sites will be open on Easter Monday and will operate on Sunday hours. Regular winter hours will apply for all other days.

ICE STORM UPDATES

The Township of Minden Hills declared a state of emergency on March 31, 2025, due to the Ice Storm. Since then, Township staff resources have been allocated to the emergency. For the most recent updates about the state of emergency and resources, please visit the News & Notices page on our website, follow our Facebook page, and join our website notification system to receive alerts at: subscribe.mindenhill.ca.

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Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted in-person (Council Chambers, 7 Milne St., Minden) and with electronic participation. The scheduled upcoming meetings are:

April 24 – Regular Council Meeting

May 8 – Regular Council Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by attending in-person or via the live-stream link.

MINDEN HILLS CULTURAL CENTRE

- *We’re Still Talking*, an exhibit of fibre works by local artists Sandi Luck, Nadine Papp and Wendy Wood will be on display until May 10 in the Agnes Jamieson Gallery. The Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10 am – 4 pm. Admission is by donation.
- *We Were Taught Differently (Bakaan nake’ii ngii-izhigakino’amaagoomin)* an exhibit created by The MUSE (Kenora, Ontario) will be on display until June 28 in the Welch Room. The exhibit examines the Indian residential school experience, most particularly in the two schools that were located in Kenora – Cecilia Jeffrey and St. Mary’s. Admission is by donation.

For information on all the programs and exhibits offered at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre: culturalcentre@mindenhill.ca or call 705-286-3763

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Hal High brings back the sound of music

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

“Take a deep breath in,” says Meghan Mardus, the music teacher at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. “Feet flat on the floor. Check your body. Okay, let’s go.”

This was how the students started their day on a particularly dull and dreary Thursday. After morning announcements and cartons of chocolate milk hurriedly chugged by the door, they gathered themselves with their instruments.

Flutes, trumpets, a trombone, clarinets, a few small tubas, and drums. “We all started playing together in February of this year,” explained Mardus, “and no one in this class has prior experience with the instrument they are on.”

What may be a core memory for some graduates of Hal High, others would know that the local music classes have been extinct for over a decade, since the retirement of the beloved and passionate music teacher, Tom Regina. While guitar classes have been offered in an effort to keep the music bug alive, band music fell off the table from a lack of interest; both amongst staff and students.

“These instruments have just been sitting here, languishing,” said Mardus. “And it’s been such a joy to hear them again.”

Mardus credited Long and McQuade, a well-known music store, for coming in and tuning up all the instruments for a very affordable price. This was the kick they needed to get the ball rolling on local music classes once again.

Mardus has been a teacher for over 16



The first band class in over a decade, local Hal High students were eager to discuss what they’ve learned so far, and why it’s important to have music in their lives. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

years. She’s traveled across the county, teaching students of all ages, before picking up a French teacher position at the high school two years ago. While teaching flows through her veins, her real passion is for drama and the arts. “I played French horn growing up,” she reflected. “And I truly believe that music is such a formative, incredible experience, and I want that for the students.”

She shared that re-developing the music program at Hal High has become her ultimate

mission. “This is what I will be doing for the next 19 years of my career,” she chuckled. “It’s just so much fun. This is my happy place now.”

And the students can’t help but agree. The class is for all ages; from Grades 9 to 12, and despite the anticipated grogginess that generally accompanies teenagers and first-class-of-the-day energy, the underlying excitement to the room was palpable. At one point, a young flautist expressly chimed “alright, it’s Beethoven time!”

The group is learning Ode to Joy, from Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9. But that’s not how they started. Mardus is adamant that if you hear the music, you can play the music. That’s half the battle. So she started them out with a series of pop ballads to pique their interest. “We played songs from Blink-182, Taylor Swift, Red Hot Chili Peppers,” says Willow Brown, a Grade 9 student who has just started playing the flute. “We’ve got a really good foundation of practice,” echoed Veronica Beynon, a fellow flautist.

Drey Cook, another Grade 9 student who has just started with the flute, shared that he intends to carry on with playing the instrument, whenever he can. “It’s mostly muscle memory, now,” he said.

Other students in the class, such as Grade 10 Daniel Wheeler, have dabbled in music before. But Wheeler had never tackled his newest interest; the trombone. He cited the Disney movie Soul as the reason he wanted to start with the unique instrument, and is eager to learn more. “This class has really

opened up more pathways to different musical futures,” he said.

Bryant Medlar is in Grade 11, and just started playing the trumpet. He sat alongside Jacob Sutton, a Grade 9 student, who plays the clarinet. Both are brand new to the instruments, and while they have an interest in music, never saw themselves playing. “I originally wanted to play the drums or the piano,” said Jacob, “but now I am on the clarinet.” Bryant shared that he enjoys hearing all the instruments come together. “It’s really interesting,” he said. “I think it sounds pretty good.”

Mardus ensures that it’s not just basic music lessons the students are learning; though they can now all read sheet music with ease. “We’re also learning music theory, music history, and it just gives the students such a great foundation for learning more down the road.”

Beyond the class being energetic and bubbly, Mardus noted that many of her students leave the class “lighter”, as it’s a chance to express themselves creatively; something that is easier said than done in the structured life of a high school student.

The students are preparing their pieces for their upcoming talent show at the school. “I know we can do it,” said student Vanessa Beynon. “If we have enough practice, I think we can easily perform in a few weeks.”

“When everyone comes together and plays,” says Grade 10 Wheeler, “it’s totally euphoric to hear it. There’s a great payoff to the practice.”



Pictured, teacher Meghan Mardus conducts the class as they warm up their instruments. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff



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HUSKIES PLAYOFFS



End of an era
In a tough series against the Trenton Golden Hawks, the Huskies will be hanging up their skates for the season. On Tuesday, the teams faced off in Haliburton at the A.J. LaRue Arena, where the Huskies fell 2-1. On Saturday, April 12, in what ended up being the final game of the season, the Huskies played hard, but ended up losing 4-2. We congratulate the team on a hard-fought season, and look forward to continuing coverage when games resume. /TIM YANO staff photographer





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Photo ops

WHENEVER I see a photo posted on social media of a local politician, many are quick to quip “photo op!”

A shortened term for “photo opportunity”; it is often seen as a negative accusation - criticizing these politicians for only appearing to simply show face for their followers.

When I was at the Minden warming centre last week, I was given a tour by Mayor Bob Carter. At one point, I was snapping photos of the volunteers at the facility, and asked him to join in the shot. He seemed a little trepidatious. And while I eventually twisted his arm, he didn't want readers to believe he was only there to show face.

Bob Carter was there. Truly. Day in and day out, personally providing wellness checks to his constituents, volunteering his time at the support facilities, mapping and planning out the next steps as the situation continued to evolve. Many other local politicians in neighbouring municipalities should take note of Carter, and his unwavering dedication to his community. He was there. And as a result, he happened to be in some photos.

And for those of us on the ground with him, we knew it was so much more than a photo op. But in this day and age, so many parts of our lives are documented. The weighted term of ‘photo op’ has shifted with the ease in which we can now access our cameras, can share, can post.

Gone are the days of scheduled and rigid poses for a select few to consume. Nowadays, everything is a photo op. Whether we plan it or not.

While the keyboard warriors are quick to carry the accusatory tone when they see politicians in photos,

I think it's time we abandon that quip and start to actually question what politicians are doing - both on camera, and off.

Folks are quick to write off a politician because they are in photos. Like it's a dig to their value if they appear in some shots. But the ease in which we can access these photos mitigates that argument.

If they are in these photos, it means, in some capacity, that they are there. And while sometimes that seems superficial, in reality, it's more than many have done. Laurie Scott and Jamie Schmale each came to visit the warming centre in Minden.

And while perhaps they have their shortcomings in other areas, at least they came to the place their constituents are suffering.

And yes, a photo was taken. That's all part and parcel of the political presence these days.

But it's not a

shortcoming.

If we bash people for simply showing up, we are no better than the superficial charade we are projecting onto them. We need to dive deeper.

A real politician is someone who shows up. Who fights for us, for our needs, for our communities. And often, in the roles that extend beyond the boundaries of Minden, that means they are performing on a bigger stage many of us can't fully conceptualize.

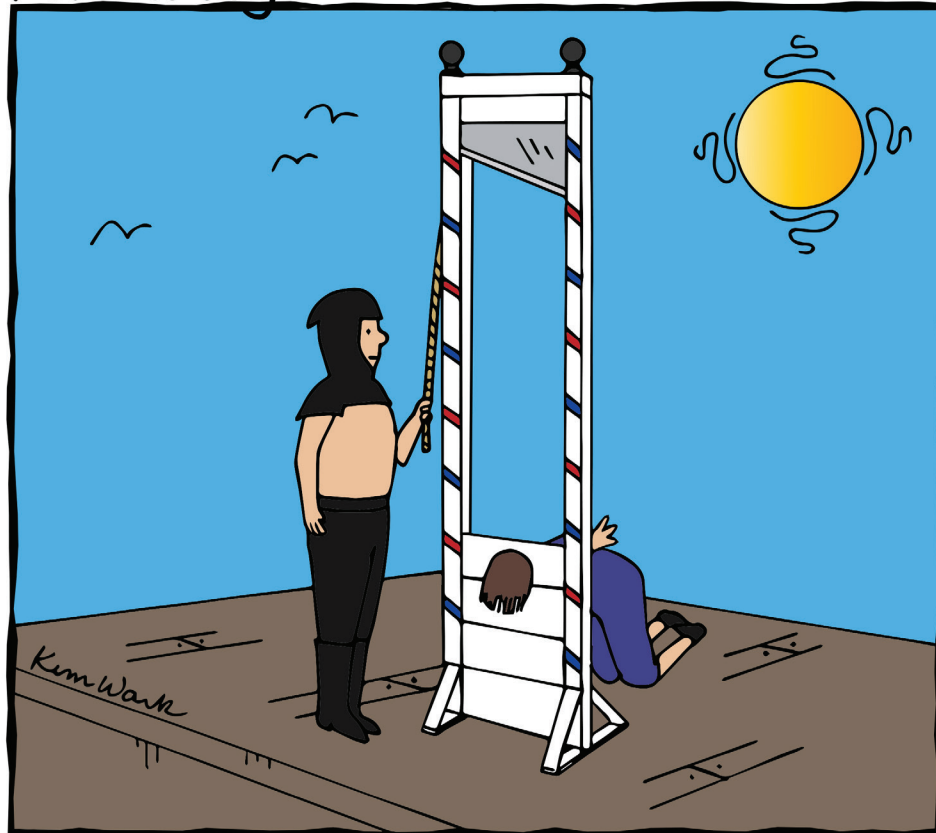
It's time to pay attention to their actions. The bills they have passed, the alliances they have formed, the battles they have fought on our behalf.

And yes, a few photos will be snapped along the way.

But a real politician shows up. In every way. Both on camera, and off.

**EMILY STONEHOUSE**
Editor

Kwarky



“Just a little trim off the top.”

Buy Canadian (worms)

MANY ECONOMISTS who have examined Mayor McCheese of Mara Lago's trade war on Canada and the rest of the world, have found countless flaws in his approach. But few have been able to predict when this unprovoked economic attack will finally fold like a Trump casino.

I'm certainly no economist, but I can assure you this will very likely happen shortly after the open water fishing season commences. That's because, if our significant others are correct, me and four anglers I know have up till this point artificially propped up the U.S. economy, with our annual fishing tackle expenditures.

Should we withhold said purchases, or start buying rods, reels, tackle and other angling tools made in Canada and countries other than the US, I believe the White House would be forced to capitulate and issue a formal apology to Canada and the rest of the world by mid-walleye season, if not sooner.

Of course, our little fishing group does not want to cause the American stock markets to crash. But, if we must, so help me God, we will fish for the entire opening week of bass season using nothing but Canadian grown earthworms and locally-made bobbbers. Extreme times call for extreme measures.

The immediate economic devastation to our formerly friendly southern neighbours would be unsettling. I'm guessing American lure manufacturers would have no choice but to lay off a substantial number of employees or relocate their operations to Canada.

Historically, the best day of the year for U.S. topwater lure manufacturers is opening day bass season, thanks in no small part to our group. Should we choose not to replace

the topwater lures we lose in the lily pads on opening week, the decline in U.S.-made topwater lure purchases alone would cause angling investor confidence to plummet. Heck, even unsubstantiated rumours that our group is thinking of forgoing all purchases of expensive American hard-bodied muskie lures in favour of locally grown sucker minnows would be a jolt to our southern neighbours like they've never felt before.

Not to belabour the point but in 2024, according to our significant others, our little group spent, on U.S.-made new fishing rods alone, the equivalent of the Gross Domestic Product of the European Union. The amount we spend annually on reels and fishing line is, at this point, a state secret, if only because its disclosure could cause world markets to shudder and perhaps lead to a recession, should investors assume we stop buying tackle for a week.

No one said economic warfare was pretty.

Admittedly, the US economy might be able to withstand these painful economic countermeasures for a while. But another body blow would come once next ice fishing season arrives. I mean, let's face it, Canadians are the largest consumers of U.S.-made ice fishing tackle and equipment - and the five guys I'm talking about account, according to our partners, for at least 80 per cent of those purchases, especially since we took up panfishing.

This column should serve as a shot across the bow, and a message I hope the U.S. trade ambassador will convey to the White House. Me and my fishing buddies mean business. You can try to withstand this financial pressure all you like but we've only just begun.

You ought to see how much money we spend on hunting ...

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

On Luddites

IN HIS book *Blood in the Machine*, Brian Merchant describes the original tech titans of the 1800s – the entrepreneurs who ushered in an age of automation in textile making and the factory system. They envisioned increased production of cheaper yarn and cloth through the use of machinery. However, the implementation of textile factories crowded with machines and run by underpaid, unprotected labourers producing cheap, inferior mass-produced goods also gave rise to the Luddite movement.

The Luddites were a labour movement that opposed the use of machinery as a means to exploit workers. While mostly remembered for smashing machines, this aspect of the Luddite movement was actually the final act of protest against automation after a decade of cloth workers petitioning the British government to uphold legislation meant to protect them while proposing fair and equitable ways of incorporating automation into their livelihood.

Far from being “small minded” and “anti-technology” the Luddites knew their trade, understood technology, and often could see how machines could enhance their work and quality of life. Where machinery was used to improve working conditions and workers were treated fairly, technology was often implemented without any fuss at all. It was only when the efforts by cloth workers to prevent exploitation were rebuffed that the Luddite movement began to swing the hammer – but even then, machine breaking was selective and targeted towards the factory owners who engaged in exploitative practices.

The tech entrepreneurs of today haven’t strayed far from their forebears. There is a lot of underpaid and unprotected labour underpinning the technology we use. The worker in Shenzhen, China who assembles your phone and many others in a 12-hour shift. The

content moderator in Nairobi, Kenya who has to see violent and abusive imagery every day to remove it from your social media. The scrap worker in Accra, Ghana sifting through mountains of e-waste being exposed to thousands of chemicals in the process. This labour is invisible to most of us because it is happening far away, out of sight.

Add to that, tech entrepreneurs have an out-sized influence on our political systems right now. We have certainly been witnessing this in the United States, particularly with Elon Musk’s pawkily named Department of Government Efficiency (with the acronym DOGE – referencing a meme turned cryptocurrency) blindly gutting services responsible for the safety and well-being of Americans. Some Canadian tech CEOs have been sympathetic towards this model of upheaval, calling for the aggressive implementation of AI technology into federal government services and explicitly adding a “fast lane” for approving contracts related to AI procurement into Canadian legislation.

Again, profits are being held above the material well-being of people. While tech companies worth billions of dollars sell us on the novelties of generative AI, they eye up the funding for social safety nets because they see that taxpayer money as profits they could be enjoying. There is a joke online that when you task a tech bro to make innovations in transportation, they will inevitably invent the already existing city bus system. Except rather than being run as a public good, it will be in private hands, profit-driven, and subject to the whims of the stock market. Given the enshittification of the tech industry we have been seeing, I think it’s important to resist big tech’s political infiltration into the systems that are entrusted with the well-being of society as a whole.

To be very clear, I am not encouraging literal machine breaking like the Luddites did in the 1800s, or eschewing technology in government business altogether. I think there is an honest conversation to be had about whether our political systems are serving us well and how technology can be used to improve our quality of life. But like the Luddites, we need to question the human costs behind creating and implementing what technology we do use. This means not accepting technology on a “trust me bro” basis from the very companies that created it. It also means understanding the tech entrepreneurs of today are not politically neutral.

So, what can you do? I think it means taking on a bit of a Luddite sensibility when it comes to new technologies that make claims about revolutionizing our world, such as AI. Don’t buy the sales pitch and instead look at everything through the viewpoint of human wellbeing. Vote in elections for those that will invest in social services and support consumer protections. Support more ethical companies by favouring them as a customer; whether you pay or use it for free, it all matters. It also means taking a careful look at the place that technology has in your life. Next time you feel like a bit of a Luddite, take a little pride in that. Because it means more than you think.



ERIN KERNOHAN-BERNING
Humans and Technology

Minden Memories



A cookery like the one featured here provided lumberjacks with hearty meals like bread, beans, and salted meats. Their food kept workers fueled for long days in the forest. /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

Ongoing investigation in Minden Hills Township

SIU invokes mandate

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a disturbance in Minden Hills Township, in which the province’s Special Investigations Unit (SIU) invoked its mandate.

On Sunday, April 13, shortly after 5:30 p.m., members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a disturbance at a residence on Gelert Road. During the interaction, police discharged a firearm.

One person was located deceased on the property.

There is no threat to public safety.

The investigation is ongoing, and residents should continue to expect an increased police presence in the area. At the time of press, Gelert Road is closed from Louise Lane South to Ingoldsby Road.

As the SIU has invoked its mandate, the OPP will not be able to provide any further information. Any media inquiries related to the SIU investigation should be directed to siu.media@ontario.ca.

Submitted

Liberal meet and greet

Dr. Nell Thomas will be at the Minden Curling Club on Wednesday, April 16 to discuss the decision she made to run in this election. With her will be the doctor who came into the picture at the right time to help her make the decision.

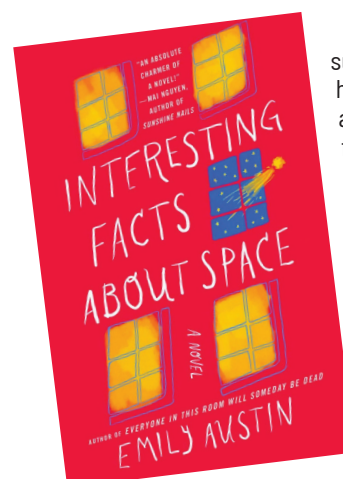
This will be an opportunity to ask questions, clarify concerns, and hear the vision

Nell Thomas has for this riding and this country.

The event starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Minden Curling Club, 50 Prentice Street in Minden. Refreshments will be provided.

Submitted

HCPL’s Book of the Week



Enid is obsessed with space, true crime podcasts, and casual dating – but she keeps her irrational fear of bald men to herself. While reconnecting with her estranged half-sisters after their father’s death, she unexpectedly falls into her first serious relationship. Then, she starts to believe someone is following her.

As paranoia takes hold, Enid is forced to confront a deeper fear: herself. Is she imagining things, or is something truly wrong?

With sharp humor and heartfelt insight, *Interesting Facts about Space* explores the messiness of human connection, the weight of hidden fears, and the power of embracing our flaws.

Interesting Facts About Space by Emily Austin is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

Lions cook up good for community

by **THOMAS SMITH**
Times Staff

Perhaps by fate, Dan Bingham learned that former Minden Lions President, Fwin Norry, was looking for someone to take charge of their famous spaghetti dinner.

An event that everyone knows happens on the fourth Friday of each month.

The Lions' spaghetti dinner is a special culinary effort where \$15 can get you all-you-can-eat spaghetti with meat sauce, caesar salad, garlic bread, a drink, and your choice between carrot or German chocolate cake.

Since the age of 14, Bingham has been involved within the culinary sphere. For a few years, he even ran Dan's Delicious Delights at the Stanhope Municipal Airport.

When events returned after the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lions brought back their spaghetti dinner. However, the sauce that they had used for years wasn't the same.

"It just was not very good," said Bingham bluntly.

Customers clearly noticed that something was different.

The Lions Club met to speak on the issue, at which Bingham brought up that he had a spaghetti sauce recipe that was passed down from his grandmother, to his mother, to himself. A recipe that could be adjusted to match their pre-made spaghetti sauce, but made entirely from scratch.

Bingham was willing to share that his recipe includes lean ground beef, onions, canned tomatoes, garlic, and a selection of spices that he holds close to his chest.

For three or four days, Bingham uses two



The Minden Lions Club has introduced a new spaghetti sauce to their monthly dinners, held at the Lions Hall in Minden. /THOMAS SMITH staff

pots that simmer the sauce for four hours, making batch after batch, in preparation for the monthly event.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," said Bingham. Besides switching to a homemade pasta sauce, the other aspects of the spaghetti dinner have remained the same, including the source of their desserts.

"I'm not a baker," says Bingham with a laugh.

In the slow months, the Lions have a range of 65 to 85 guests visit for the spaghetti dinner. During the summer months, with the influx of seasonal residents, that number

climbs to around 100.

"We have had lineups where somebody has to stand at the door checking for open tables," said Bingham.

In July, Bingham will be sworn in as the new Minden Lions Club President, having served with Lions Clubs throughout Ontario for over 30 years and serving as Hall Manager for Minden for the past seven.

"My parents were volunteers," said Bingham. "It's just the way I was raised. It's just a part of my life."

Between three children and working two jobs, Bingham says that he has always found

time to volunteer with the Lions Club.

His goal is to attract younger generations of Lions to the club. With an average age of 65, activities like Canada Day and cooking at the Ice Races are slowly becoming more and more of a challenge each year.

At their public events, they have brochures to hand out and rely on word of mouth to attract new members.

He says that the youngest generation's mind-set to volunteer just isn't there.

"We're just not high pressure salesmen," said Bingham with a laugh.

Last year, the Ducky Race had to be cancelled as they did not have enough volunteers to run both their Canada Day barbecue and the race.

The Minden Lions Club are responsible for many efforts that have benefited the community in Minden and beyond. They run an annual golf tournament, donate money to the local food centre, contribute to Fuel for Warmth, the Lion's Canada Guide Dog Program, organize Music in the Park on Bobcaygeon Road, have programs for eyeglasses and hearing aids, and provide support to an after-school youth program at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

The Minden Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

"A good fit will bring something to the club," said Bingham. "We are open to new ideas. If somebody has an idea where the need [in the community] is not being met, we will be more than glad to listen."

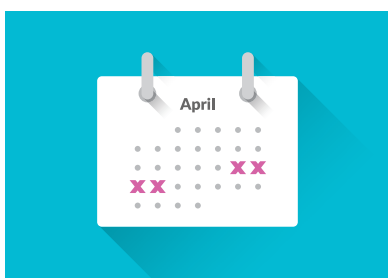
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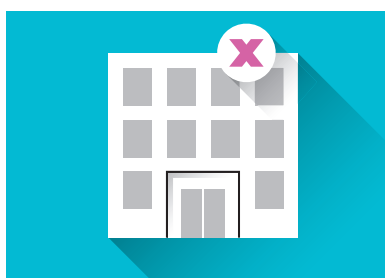
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What if no one is talking about the issues you care about?

by JESSICA SLADE
Special to the Times

Last week, I wrote about why this election matters – even in a riding where the outcome can feel predictable. But for many people, the bigger question isn't whether or not their vote counts – it's whether the issues they care about are being taken seriously, and/or whether any party is offering real solutions.

You've been calling around for a family doctor or a licensed child care space with no luck. You want to move out, but you're scrambling to find a place to live that doesn't eat up your whole paycheck. And good jobs – ones that are steady, local, and pay enough to build a comfortable life – can be hard to come by.

Then you hear politicians speak, and it feels like they're talking about a different reality. You wonder: Do they even know what life actually looks like here?

If that sounds familiar, you're not alone. A lot of people in rural communities like ours feel left out of the political conversation, like the real challenges we face here never make it into campaign speeches or national debates. And when that happens, it's easy to feel frustrated ... or just to tune out entirely.

But what if this is actually the moment to tune in?

Elections aren't just about picking a winner, and they don't just belong to political parties. They belong to all of us – and they're an opportunity to speak up, to help shape the priorities of the people running before they get the job. Because politicians from every party are paying attention right now, they're listening for

what people care about, what issues are showing up in local conversations, and what priorities they can't afford to miss.

So what can you do if it feels like no one's talking about the things that matter most to you?

Start the conversation

You don't need to be an expert. You don't need to have all the answers. Your lived experience – what you see, feel, and worry about – is more than enough to get started. And this election, there are real opportunities to speak up and be heard.

One opportunity to hear directly from the people running to represent you is the All Candidates Meeting. At the time of press, the closest meeting is scheduled for April 15 in Lindsay. Updates on that meeting will be available in next week's papers.

Events like these are a chance to ask questions and bring attention to the issues that matter most in daily life – like housing, healthcare, and the local economy.

But showing up in person isn't the only way to engage. There are other ways to get involved:

Send a message to the candidates

Their contact info is public. A short email sharing your concerns can go a long way.

Talk about your concerns with people you trust

A chat at the kitchen table or in the grocery store lineup can be the start of something bigger. When we raise our concerns with each other, they're more likely to rise to the surface in our communities too.

It doesn't have to be loud. It doesn't have to be perfect. It just has to be honest.

Because if you're thinking it, chances are someone else is too.

Politics should reflect real life. And if you're not seeing your reality in the cam-

paign, that's not a reason to stay quiet. It's a reason you should speak up.

Let's use this opportunity to raise our voices – so that no matter who wins, the people who represent us know what matters to us, here at home.

MH staff looks at procurement savings

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Times Staff

Minden Hills is considering a one-stop shop to ensure the best bang for its procurement buck.

Township staff looked into enhancing procurement procedures and found that future cost-savings could be achieved by working with LAS-Canoe Procurement. That's an arms-length service under the auspices of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Council accepted a report by staff who looked into LAS-Canoe Procurement as information to be considered.

LAS-Canoe Procurement is a not-for-profit entity that handles procurement for municipalities. They're funded by the suppliers and, in turn, fund some of the AMO services municipalities require.

LAS-Canoe Procurement meets all regu-

lations and requirements surrounding public procurement which extends to the township being fully in compliance.

Township staff added the LAS-Canoe Procurement to the municipality's website to ensure transparency. The link has also been added to the Haliburton County web presence as Minden Hills and the county partner in purchasing materials and equipment.

Streamlining internal township procurement procedures will ultimately maximize discounting capabilities.

"It really expands our horizons on getting a better procurement price at the end of the day," said Wendelin Lonergan, the township's finance director. "They don't do all things that we need but, where we can, we will be moving forward getting quotes from LAS-Canoe."

"Amongst others (possible suppliers)," Mayor Bob Carter said.

"And we're comparing those against the others that we'll get," Lonergan said.

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New thrift store pops up in Minden

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Watch out Minden, there’s a new place to shop in town. The Minden Gift and Thrift opened their doors in mid-February, and carries giftware, clothing, toys, games, and craft items. Lindsay Gullins, the co-owner of the business, shared that she comes from an artistic background, and hopes to carry that creativity into the store. “We’re all artists in the family,” she said. “I’d like to be able to celebrate local artists in here as well.”

Gullins owns the shop with her sister. In fact, it’s a whole family affair, with involvement from her mother, her daughter, and her partner as well. “This is really my passion,” she said. “Anyone I’ve told about this who really knows me has just said, ‘well, finally!’” she laughed.

The thrift-style store is adorned wall to wall with vintage and collectible art pieces, as well as clothing for all ages, a kids clothing and toy section, and household decor. Gullins

has called Minden home for over 20 years, but started the shop in an effort to give back to her community. “This community has really shown up in amazing ways,” she said, “and I really want to give back to it.”

Gullins shared that once the business is really up and running, she intends to partner with a series of local not-for-profits, charities, and community-based organizations to donate proceeds to. She intends to change it on a regular basis, to ensure that a variety of support groups are acknowledged and celebrated.

While Gullins noted that starting a store from scratch has been a weaving and winding process, she says that every day it’s getting easier. “I keep learning and growing,” she said. “It’s very therapeutic. And to do it with my family, it just keeps getting better.”

Minden Thrift and Gift is located at 12311 Highway 35, beside Paulmacs Pet Food near Foodland. The store is currently accepting donations, and is open every day from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (or 4 p.m. on Sundays), and is closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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Tindal’s Friends Cafe leaves room in stitches

by THOMAS SMITH
Times Staff

“It is a sign of a healthy democracy to have public support of libraries,” said Douglas Tindal. “Libraries are so important in so many ways. One of the things I learned was that you can loan a set of hiking poles. Libraries extend our ability to enjoy life in so many ways.”

As passionate for public libraries as he is for writing, Douglas Tindal discussed his latest publication *Tales from Wine on the Porch* as part of the Friends Cafe on Monday, April 7. Friends Cafe is put on by the Friends of Haliburton County Public Library. Tindal also sold copies of his book, with a part of the proceeds being donated to the Friends of Haliburton County Public Library.

“The Friends all have a love of our libraries and we raise money to help the library purchase things that they otherwise couldn’t buy,” said Penni Chaulk, vice president of Friends of Haliburton County Public Library. Some of the initiatives that the Friends have spearheaded include buying sets of books for book clubs, AWE computers for kids, and supporting the library’s bookmark contests through publishing the bookmarks and giving them away to patrons.

Tales from Wine on the Porch is a collection of short stories that follow the lives of seniors and seniors-in-training in their coliving situation in Toronto.

A year before Tindal’s retirement, he began to write fiction, waking up with ideas that demanded to be written down.

The first story from *Tales from Wine on the Porch* emerged from his writer’s group, saying that he found his voice.

Tindal and his wife Mardi attempted to establish a housing co-op community in Toronto, but their plans fell through. Tindal says that he knows every millimetre of the setting of *Tales from Wine on the Porch*, as it is based on architectural plans made for their dreamed-of triplex.

It was by fluke that the couple came across the opportunity to live at Oakview Coliving, at the Oakview Lodge and Marina, while visiting his son in Stanhope.

Tindal assures that the coliving setting in his book is not related to his experiences at Oakview Coliving, having started writing its contents five years before moving to Oakview.



Author Douglas Tindal discussed his publication *Tales from Wine on the Porch* at the Friends Cafe event at the Minden Hills library branch on Monday, April 7. /THOMAS SMITH Staff

In February of 2020, Tindal attended a conference where he was told that he needed to add 50,000 additional words to his manuscript before it could be looked at.

Then the pandemic threw a wrench in Tindal’s plans. His creative spark pushed him to write apocalyptic scenarios and drew him away from his original vision.

Upon returning to writing his short stories for the collection, Tindal had to decide how to incorporate the COVID-19 pandemic. He settled on a third of it being set before the pandemic, a third during, and a third after.

“I am writing to entertain myself,” said Tindal. “I want to be surprised.”

Tindal says that he has received inspiration from Alexander McCall Smith’s *No. 1 Lady*

Detective Agency and is most commonly compared to stories of Dave and Morley from Stuart McClean’s *Vinyl Cafe*.

During his talk at the Minden Hills branch of the Haliburton County Public Library, Tindal shared that he is particularly fond of his short story *The Case of the Missing Buddha*. All of the characters in the short story collection are from different backgrounds, offering unique twists with every page.

The characters’ personalities shine through

and come easily, says Tindal. “They kindly allow me to write them down.”

In addition to humour, *Tales from Wine on the Porch* touches on serious issues related to aging including green burials and planning for funerals.

Tales from Wine on the Porch is available to be purchased from Master’s Bookstore in Haliburton and on Amazon as either e-book or a physical book.



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Our volunteer education committee is working hard to plan and organize a series of family-oriented events. Our first event, Spring Wildflowers and Wild Leeks, will take place on Saturday, May 10 at Barnum Creek Nature Reserve at 10 a.m. Michele Swyer will offer her expertise and enthusiasm for these delicate and fleeting early spring ephemerals.

The Don Smith Memorial Bird Walk will be offered by bird expert Ed Poropat on

Sunday, May 18 at 6:30 a.m., on the rail trail at Gould's Crossing Road. These events are offered by donation. Registration is required and can be done by visiting our website at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca, events.

Other programs to look forward to this year include the Don Smith Memorial Bird Walk, Busy Beavers and more.

HHLT will also offer three events under our funding for the Partners in Conservation (PIC) program. The first in this series of events is on exploring the basics of digital mapping with the Avenza Maps app. Later in the season PIC's will be offered a chance to learn about invasive species and join a hands-on trail building workshop.

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Answers on page 10



Ford drops in

On April 13, Premier Doug Ford, Minister Jill Dunlop, and MPP Laurie Scott met with Minden Hills Mayor Bob Carter, Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell, CAO Cynthia Fletcher and County of Haliburton CAO Gary Dyke as well as City of Kawartha Lakes Mayor Doug Elmslie to discuss recovery efforts following the recent ice storm. Premier Ford thanked the dedicated first responders, hydro crews and community members who have been working tirelessly to help with recovery in our community and surrounding areas. /SUBMITTED

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Wildlife centres across Ontario work to protect baby animals

Minden's Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary (WWS) is one of eight Ontario-based wildlife centres sounding the alarm over the growing number of orphaned wildlife in the region.

As temperatures rise, wildlife activity increases and many species, including raccoons and squirrels, seek warm, secluded spaces to nest and raise their young. Attics, chimneys, and other quiet undisturbed areas become prime spots for these animals.

Not only is this an issue for homeowners, it is also of deep concern for wildlife rehabilitation centres who are on the receiving end of the hundreds of baby animals who are orphaned every year when homeowners evict their moms from their premises.

This tragedy is not only devastating but also entirely preventable. In response, eight leading Ontario-based wildlife centres, including Aspen Valley, have united in a powerful effort to raise awareness and educate homeowners on more responsible and effective ways to deal with wildlife on their property.

The Problem with Trapping and Relocation

While the majority of individuals can grasp the barbaric nature of a kill trap, many people remain under the wrongful impression that live traps are a humane option. This is simply not the case. Live-trapped animals experience significant stress, often injuring themselves in attempts to escape the trap. They are also vulnerable to extreme temperatures and dehydration while waiting to be transported to another location. Some never make it.

If released, these animals face even more challenges. Often ripped away from their young, they are left in an unfamiliar environment struggling to find food and shelter. They may also encounter territorial disputes with other wildlife, adding more stress to an already traumatic experience.

To minimize the risks to survival and limit the potential for disease transmission, Ontario's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act prohibits the relocation of animals more than one kilometre from their capture site. While this is intended to protect animals, ecosystems and humans, it is not foolproof. In fact, many species have incredibly strong homing instincts and will likely return to their original territory, including to their young. As a result, legal relocation is frequently ineffective.

A More Humane Approach

With these challenges in mind, it's important for homeowners to take a more humane and thoughtful approach to managing wild animals on their property.

Following are best practices supported by wildlife centres across the province.

1. The Gift of Time

If you are aware that the wildlife in your home has babies, the most humane approach is to allow her time to care for them until they are old enough to follow her out of the den on their own (typically around eight to ten weeks old). This prevents or-

phaning the babies and gives them the best chance at survival.

Important Note: Before sealing any entry points ensure all babies have left. One way to determine this is to place a crumpled paper towel at the entrance to track movement. If the paper towel is disturbed, it likely means that an animal is still inside.

2. Discourage Occupancy

To encourage wild animals to leave on their own, experts recommend making the den area less than ideal for a nursing mom by incorporating various elements in or near the den, such as:

- Leaving a talk radio station playing (no music).
- Using a non-flammable light source in or near the den area.
- Introducing strong smells, like apple cider vinegar on rags placed in a plastic bag with holes.

Using all three methods together, with patience, will likely encourage the mother to move her babies to a new den. Since the majority of species have multiple den sites nearby, the transition can occur smoothly for both human and animal families.

If you would like guidance on this process, contact Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary at 705 286-1133. You can also visit www.woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca for additional information on living in harmony with wildlife.

3. Seek Professional Help if Necessary

If the situation becomes overwhelming, seek a reputable wildlife control company with expertise in wildlife biology and behaviour, especially during mating and breeding seasons.

Their service should include:

- A thorough inspection and free estimate.
- Identifying entry points and locating the mother and her babies.
- Using humane techniques, like one-way doors to allow the mother to leave on her own.
- Gently remove the babies and place them in a heated reunion box, where they can stay warm until the mother returns and takes her babies one by one to another safe den site.

After the removal, and reuniting the animal family, the company should secure all entry points to prevent future stays and repair any damage caused by the animal.

We do not recommend companies that offer to "live trap" and "relocate" the animal.

4. Wildlife Proof Your Home

To reduce the risk of future wild guests, homeowners should take proactive steps to wildlife-proof their homes. Basic steps would include:

- Removing food sources, such as securing trash bags and storing them in secure bins.
- Sealing entry points, including the installation of chimney and vent covers.

The eight Wildlife Centres involved in this effort include:

- Aspen Valley Wildlife Sanctuary (Rosseau, Ontario)
- Holly's Haven Wildlife Rescue (Dunrobin, Ontario)
- Procyon Wildlife (Beeton, Ontario)
- Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre (Napanee, Ontario)
- Shades of Hope Wildlife Refuge (Pefferlaw, Ontario)
- Speaking of Wildlife (Orillia and Area, Ontario)
- Turtle Pond Wildlife Centre (Val Caron, Ontario)
- Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary (Minden, Ontario)

About Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary

Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary is a 100 per cent volunteer-based charity that rescues, rehabilitates and releases native wildlife back into their natural environment.

Established in 2008, and attaining its charitable status in 2011, WWS operates on a beautiful piece of private property owned by Monika Melichar and her husband Whitebear.

Open daily, year-round, and many times late into the night, Monika has dedicated her life to helping wildlife get back on their feet again. Authorized by the MNRF and Canadian Wildlife Services, the sanctuary is one of a handful in Ontario that accepts all species of wildlife, with the exception of raccoons due to severe allergies. All animals brought into care are treated with equal respect, as they believe every life is precious and every living thing deserves a second chance. From orphaned baby songbirds, squirrels and ducklings, to injured foxes, owls and porcupines, it is a huge responsibility to provide species-specific diets, appropriate medical attention, and proper housing for the vastly diversified needs of the wildlife in this region.

With each passing year, the sanctuary grows and is able to accommodate more and more animals that are in need of help. Not only does WWS provide this essential public service; a place where people can seek help for injured and orphaned wildlife free of charge, it also answers thousands of telephone inquiries and provides environmentally sound advice, helping property owners resolve many human-wildlife conflicts.

The sanctuary does not receive any government funding, relying mostly on public donations and their own fundraising efforts to meet the needs of caring for over 750 orphaned and injured wildlife every year. Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary could not accomplish this "labour of love" work without the help of local volunteers. With a core team of over a dozen regular hands-on volunteers, each spring many new volunteers roll up their sleeves and join the team for an incredible experience of working closely with wildlife, and making a difference to one animal at a time.

For additional information, please contact:

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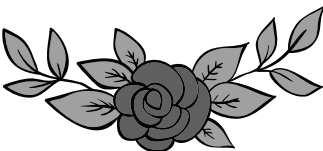
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*In Loving Memory of
Ellen Jane Alton (nee Kent)*

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Friday, April 11, 2025 at the age of 89.

Ellen is now with the love of her life Herb after 56 years apart. Dear mother of Donelda, Doug, Cheryl (Mark), Beatrice (Brock), Paul (Tammy), Tammy (Joe) and predeceased by Judy 2008 and Donnie 2017. Loving grandmother of Darlene, Herb, Jason (Lisa), Rod (Paige), Jeremy (Audrina), Mike (Jessica), Travis and great grandmother of Amber, Austin, Zander, Spencer, Lucas, Hunter, Athena, Melissa and great great grandmother of Cole. Predeceased by her 10 brothers and sisters. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Thursday, April 17, 2025 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Ellen's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre. Spring Interment at the Minden Cemetery.

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Monday, March 24, 1997

Deputies declared endangered at county

by Jerry Grozelle

Deputy-reeves will no longer sit at the Haliburton County council table after the next municipal election. County council voted 12-7 in favour of a by-law that changed the composition of the council and determined the weight of the votes given to the remaining council members.

Representatives from Anson, Hindon and Minden, Lutterworth and Stanhope municipal councils opposed the resolution, with the remainder of council members, including warden Murray Fearrey (who called for a recorded vote) supporting the by-law.

The by-law allows a designate from each municipality to sit at county council in the absence of the reeve. That designate, who will be appointed by the municipal councils, will have all the voting privileges, rights, powers and authority of the reeve he or she represents.

Although several members of the public, most of whom were municipal council members, attended the public meeting, no comments in favour or opposed to the resolution were offered.

The county was originally proposing that the weighted vote be changed to reflect each member of the electorate within the municipal boundaries. The by-law was changed to keep the voting weight the same as the current value. Under the current system, municipalities with an electorate of fewer than 2,500 will have one vote, those with 2,500 to 5,000 have two votes, those with 5,000 to 7,500 have three votes and those with more than 7,500 have four votes.

Next edition appears Tuesday

Please note that due to the Easter Monday holiday, the next edition of The Times will appear Tuesday April 1. The Times office will be open Friday March 28 and the deadlines for the next edition of the paper remain unchanged. The Times office will be closed Easter Monday, March 31.



LIGHTS, CAMERA....ACTION!! Members of the Minden Skating Club delighted audiences Saturday night and Sunday afternoon with the presentation of their annual skating extravaganza. This year's show was entitled "See you at the Movies" with themes taken from recent film productions. Above, three of the beginner skaters, Erin Pottier, Kaitlyn Allore and Erica MacMartin, follow Jasmine Wilson through their routine for 'Sister Act', while at the right, Todd Bryan get a little encouragement from Keegan Mackenzie as he skates with the beginner boys to Sweet Home Alabama from the movie 'Forest Gump'. For more photos of this year's performances, please turn to page 11.



Municipalities will soon learn how much

Policing costs shifted

by Jerry Grozelle

Every municipality within Haliburton County and the northern townships of Victoria and Peterborough Counties should know by mid-April the costs of having police services delivered by the Ontario Provincial Police.

Bill Hutton, regional superintendent of the OPP and Coboconk-Minden OPP staff sergeant, Andy Millar, attended the Haliburton County council meeting March 19 to update county council members on changes in policing and to let them know the numbers have been calculated.

Hutton said that Millar will have the figures on March 26 and he will be attending individual council meetings to discuss the costs. Hutton also said there would be a "roll-up cost" that the county would be expected to assume.

Municipalities will have a number of options. They can contract individually with the OPP; seek the services of another police force; several municipalities may band together and ask for specific costing for their collective needs; or they may continue with OPP services as they are and be billed for

that service.

Hutton said the cost figures are based on actual 1996 costs.

"As we all know, these are just proposals," Hutton said. "There are some issues in the costing that need to be addressed."

Hutton pointed out that if individual municipalities decide to contract their own police services, whether or not those services are from the OPP, a police services board will have to be formed. He suggested that groups of municipalities would save funds if they combine for the purpose of contracting police services, thereby eliminating the need for numerous boards.

Anson, Hindon and Minden will be one of the first municipalities to learn what its cost for policing from the OPP will be. Millar is scheduled to attend this Thursday's council meeting.

OPP moving to MNR building

Hutton told county council that the OPP will move its Haliburton County operations to the Ministry of Natural Resources building in Minden. The facility will be shared by the MNR and the OPP. In the meantime, the police

will continue to use the current facility on Highway 35.

"The building at the back and part of the building at the front will be renovated for our purposes," Hutton said.

Renovations at the MNR building are expected to take between three and six months to complete before the move can be made. Construction will start immediately.

The move will eliminate \$37,000 per year in rental fees at the current building, Hutton said. The action is also accomplishing objectives that have been set out by the provincial government which call for co-habitation with other government agencies, in government-owned facilities, wherever possible.

"Of course, once people start paying for policing, if somebody wants to supply us with a nice building, we'd look at moving in there," Hutton said.

Hutton said that when the Ontario Realty Corporation ceases to exist, it will turn over all the buildings that the OPP occupy, to those police forces.

"The kicker is that they will only

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